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REMARKS

No new subject matter has been added to the specification.

Claims 1-23 are pending. Please note that the Office Action dated 4/10/2006 apparently inadvertently overlooked page 39 of the specification as filed which contained claims 24 and 25 both dependent upon independent claim 23. In order to expedite prosecution, these 2 claims have been canceled above without prejudice or disclaimer. However, since their base claim 23 is allowed in the outstanding Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders that claims 24 and 25 should be re-instated by Examiner's Amendment as allowable for being dependent upon allowed claim 23. If the Examiner disagrees, please just maintain the claims to be canceled as indicated above.

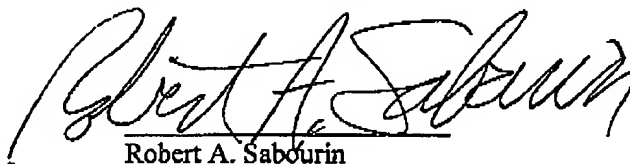
Claims 5-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed by the amendments to the claims.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed but is not considered material to the patentability of the invention.

Please charge all fees due for papers with this response under this general authorization to Deposit Account No. 13-3377.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection of the Office Action has been addressed and overcome so that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the rejections and/or objections, and pass the application to issue. Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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